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Local Boundary Commission Members:

This letter is in regards to the recommendations being made by the Local Boundary Commission regarding the formation of a Prince of Wales Island Borough.

I myself am a senior citizen who lives on a fixed income. I have lived in Kasaan off and on for seventy-seven years and have seen first hand the rise and fall of the local economy. At this time with the disastrous lows of the timber and fisheries based economy of Prince of Wales Island, I do not feel that the people of this Island could afford to sustain a newly formed Borough.

I feel there are alternatives to forming a Borough. I sit on the tribal council of Kasaan, the Organized Village of Kasaan, and am involved with the current affairs of my small community and have learned that the motivation behind the Borough issue falls back to the idea that there are four school districts serving the our island schools and that this has a negative impact for the State budget. I can sympathize with you and your colleagues that have to justify school funding, and feel strongly that this issue could be simply solved by combining our four school districts into one.

I thank you for taking the time to take this very serious issue into consideration.

Sincerely,

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